



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 20, 2020

TO: USAID/Tanzania, Mission Director, Andrew Karas

FROM: USAID OIG Africa Regional Office, Assistant Director, Matthew Rathgeber /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of USAID Resources Managed by T-MARC Tanzania Under Cooperative Agreement AID-621-A-17-00001, January 1 to December 31, 2019 (Report No. 4-621-21-002-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on USAID Resources Managed by T-MARC Tanzania. T-MARC Tanzania contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS). However, it did not have continuing professional education and an external peer review that fully satisfied the requirements of GAGAS. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on T-MARC Tanzania's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on whether the fund accountability statement for the period audited, was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate T-MARC Tanzania's internal controls; (3) determine whether T-MARC Tanzania complied with award terms and applicable laws and regulations and (4) review the implementation status of the prior period recommendations.

To answer the audit objectives, PwC (1) audited the fund accountability statement for the award including the budgeted amounts by category and major items and the revenues received from USAID for the period covered by the audit and the costs reported by T-MARC Tanzania as incurred from January 1 to December 31, 2019; (2) evaluated the control environment, the adequacy of the accounting systems, and control procedures that pertain to T-MARC Tanzania's ability to report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in each account of the fund accountability statement; (3) identified the award terms and pertinent laws

¹ We reviewed the audit firm's report for conformity with professional reporting standards. Our desk reviews are typically performed to identify any items needing clarification or issues requiring management attention. Desk reviews are limited to review of the audit report itself and excludes review of the auditor's supporting working papers; they are not designed to enable us to directly evaluate the quality of the audit performed.

and regulations and determined which of those, if not observed, could have a direct and material effect on the fund accountability statement; and (4) reviewed the implementation status of the prior period recommendations. T-MARC Tanzania reported expenditures of \$2,474,461 in USAID funds during the audited period.

The audit firm concluded the fund accountability statement presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the award for the period audited. The audit firm identified \$33,591 in total ineligible questioned costs; five material weaknesses in internal control; and two instances of material noncompliance.

During our desk review, we noted several minor issues which the audit firm will need to address in future audit reports. We presented these issues in a memo to the controller, dated October 20, 2020.

To address the issues identified in the report, we recommend that USAID/Tanzania:

Recommendation 1. Determine the allowability of \$33,591 in ineligible questioned costs on pages 17 and 45 of the audit report and recover any amount that is unallowable.

Recommendation 2. Verify that T-MARC Tanzania corrects the five material weaknesses in internal control detailed on pages 27 to 39 of the audit report.

Recommendation 3. Verify that T-MARC Tanzania corrects the two instances of material noncompliance detailed on pages 43 to 47 of the audit report.

We ask that you provide your written notification of actions planned or taken to reach management decision.

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